Author's response to reviews

Title: Incidence, histopathologic analysis and distribution of tumors of the hand

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Dear Professor Hagberg,

Please find here enclosed the revised manuscript entitled "Incidence, histopathologic analysis and distribution of tumors of the hand" by M. JK. Simon, P. Pogoda, F. Hoevelborn, M. Krause, J. Zustin, M. Amling, F. Barvencik, which we are re-submitting to *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders*.

In the manuscript, we added the editorial requirement of an ethics statement. Thank you very much for the advice. We have highlighted the change made by red-coloured font in the methods section.

We hope that now these data can be properly evaluated, as we believe that it is of major clinical relevance and should be of interest to the readers of *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders*.

Therefore I hope that you and the referees share my enthusiasm and judge our manuscript as being interesting for publication in *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders*.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the very future.

Best regards

Dr. Michael Amling
Professor and Chair